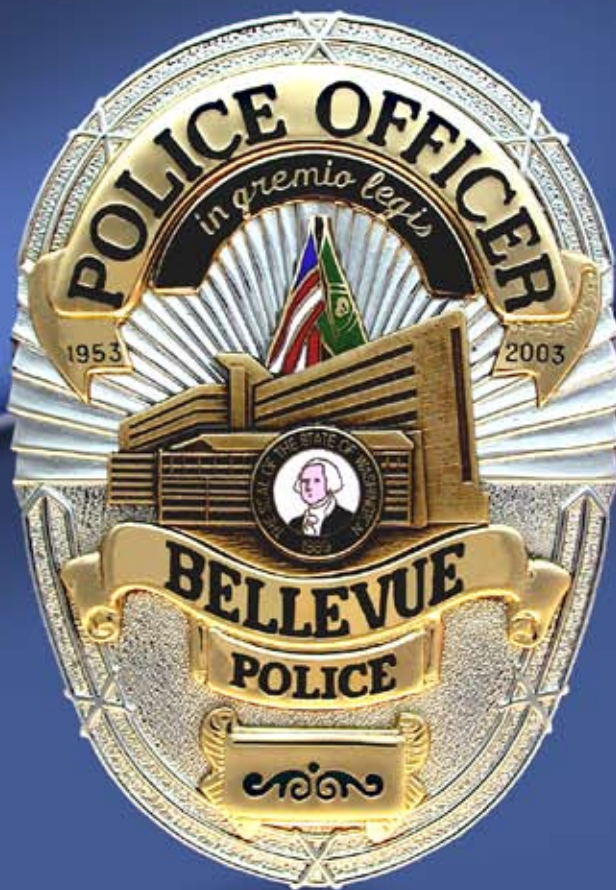


# BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2006 Annual Report



*Providing a safe environment  
through community involvement and innovation*

# CHIEF MONTGOMERY



*Chief Jim Montgomery*

*Dear Bellevue Residents:*

2007 marks a time for much celebration for the City of Bellevue. Just over a year ago, our new City Hall opened. This significant investment gave its Police Department, for the first time in many years, a central location from which to operate and serve. I think I speak for everyone when I say we're very pleased with the outcome. This investment by the citizens of Bellevue is truly appreciated.

Another reason to celebrate is that for more than two decades, Bellevue has experienced an **overall** decline in reported Part One crime-(homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, M/V theft, and arson). This fact is even more impressive since we have less Part One crime reported today than when our population was less than 73,000. Much credit goes to you, the citizens of Bellevue, who have embraced our commitment to a community-based policing approach. In addition, a lot of credit is also deserved by the men and women

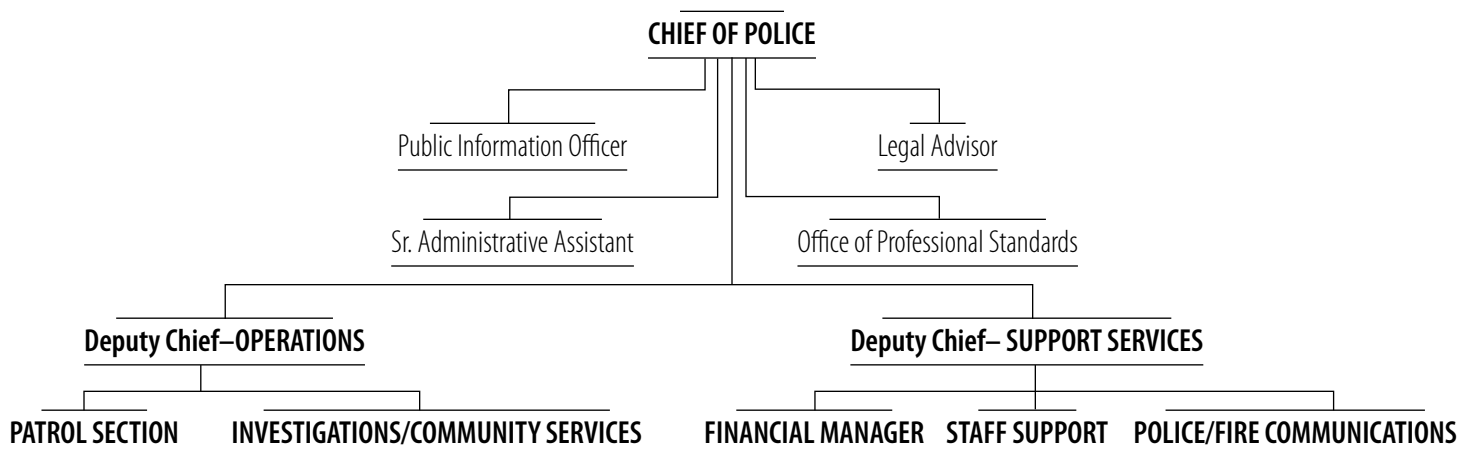
of the Police Department who have tirelessly worked to reduce crime and ensure our City is a safe place to live, work, and recreate.

Managing the fifth largest police department in the State of Washington with a budget of nearly \$36 million and a staff of 271 can be challenging. Fortunately, we are blessed with a wonderful staff of highly educated and experienced people, dedicated to providing exceptional service.

I recently decided to retire after serving this profession for nearly forty-three years. I cannot think of a better place to complete my service than with a department composed of such high quality people. I hope I've achieved my goal of leaving this department a better place than when I arrived. I would like to thank all the staff past and present for their dedication to the high principles that make us one of the premier departments in the country.

Jim Montgomery

Chief of Police



For a detailed organization chart, please visit [www.bellevuewa.gov/](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/)

## Part One Crimes

	2005	2006	% Change
Homicide	2	3	▲ 50%
Rape	29	42	▲ 45%
Robbery	49	71	▲ 45%
Aggr. Assault	<u>92</u>	<u>67</u>	▼ -27%
<b>Total Violent Crime</b>	172	183	▲ 6%

Burglary	595	591	▼ -1%
Larceny	3503	3178	▼ -9%
MV Theft	567	476	▼ -16%
Arson	<u>46</u>	<u>33</u>	▼ -28%
<b>Total Property Crime</b>	4883	4461	▼ -8%

## Office of the Chief of Police

The Police Department Legal Advisor, Public Information Officer and Office of Professional Standards report directly to Chief Montgomery. The Legal Advisor provides legal and policy advice and counsel for the Bellevue Police Department.

The Public Information Officer keeps the Police Department website current, sends out press releases, responds to all incidents of public interest

where the Police are the primary responders, and serves on a variety of committees. The Office of Professional Standards is responsible for ensuring the Police Department continues to meet the international standards for law enforcement accreditation and tracks and oversees investigations of citizen and employee complaints. One Captain and one Lieutenant are assigned to this office.

## Office of Professional Standards Key Performance Measures

	2005	2006
Formal Standards Investigations	17	17
Informal Standards Investigations	40	36
Dissatisfaction w/ Service	86	68
Employee preventable collisions	22	18



### Operations

*Deputy Chief Linda Pillo*

The Operations Division consists of Patrol, Traffic, K-9, Courts/Custody, Special Enforcement Team, Investigations, Community Services, Eastside Narcotics Task Force, Volunteer program and the Forensic lab.



### Support Services

*Deputy Chief Dave Gans*

The Support Services Division consists of Communications, Personnel Services, Records, Property/Evidence and the Financial Manager.



# PATROL SECTION



*Major Bruce Vestal*

**P**ATROL IS THE LARGEST SECTION IN THE BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT consisting of 114 commissioned officers and 5 limited commissioned staff. The section is headed by a Major and divided into units with Patrol and Traffic being the largest units. Additional units include: Courts and Custody, Canine and the Special Enforcement Team. Specialty assignments in Patrol include: Explosives, Evidence Technician, Field Training Officer, Holiday Foot Patrol, Honor Guard, Hostage Negotiations, Crowd Control and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT).



*Officers Bryan Reil and Rachel Neff*



*Lt. Christopher McOmber*

The largest unit in Patrol has three Watch Commanders ( Captains ) who supervise eight (8) Squads that provide 24-hour coverage by uniformed officers. This unit is designed to maximize public safety by providing timely response to calls for assistance and an active, visible patrol in the city.

The Courts and Custody Unit is supervised by a Lieutenant who manages prisoners who are either being transported to court appearances or serving sentences. The Court Liaison Officer tracks all cases referred for filing and conducts follow-up as needed. The Police Support Officers conduct prisoner processing and transport.

The Canine Unit is supervised by a Lieutenant and has three handlers and dogs. This unit is responsible for visible patrol, response to all in progress calls, tracking of fleeing suspects, building searches and evidence location.

The Special Enforcement Team is supervised by a Lieutenant with four officers and one detective assigned. This unit focuses on specific crime trends and responds in a proactive manner. Their primary responsibility is to target car crimes and work closely with the King County Prosecutors Office to attack this regional issue. We believe this unit helped last year's 16% reduction in auto thefts.

The Traffic Unit is supervised by one Captain and three Lieutenants and is broken into two areas: collision investigation and enforcement. Educating the public about traffic laws, working closely with traffic engineering, active and appropriate enforcement and conducting high quality collision investigations are integral reasons why this unit is so successful in keeping our streets safe.



*Officers Jamie Collins, Danny Young, and Curt McIvor*



*Officer Sarah Finkel*

<b>Patrol/Traffic Key Performance Measures</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Part One crimes committed per 1,000 population	<u>42</u>	<u>38</u>
Customer satisfaction indicating Good or Excellent service (survey results)	86%	88%
Percentage of citizens who feel Safe or Moderately Safe (survey results)	90%	90%
Felony arrests by Patrol	579	559
Misdemeanor arrests by Patrol	1,696	1,726
Warrant arrests by Patrol	631	700
Injury collisions as % of total collisions	25%	24%
Citations issued	24,370	24,471
Collisions investigated	1,971	2,103



# INVESTIGATIONS/COMMUNITY SERVICES



*Major Bill Quinn*

**W**ITH A STAFF OF 50, this section is comprised of several units and one program: Persons Crimes, Property Crimes, Fraud, School Services, Neighborhood Services, Eastside Narcotics Task Force, Forensics, Crime Analysis and the Volunteer Program.



*School Resource Officer Mike Fry*



*Officer Tory Mangione*

Investigations is supervised by three lieutenants and is comprised of 17 detectives, one civilian D/V victim advocate, one special assignment detective, one crime analysis detective and two crime prevention detectives. Investigations is responsible for conducting complicated investigations relating to violent, property and fraud crimes. The two crime prevention detectives work closely with the business and residential community to educate on ways to reduce the chance of victimization.

Community Services is supervised by two lieutenants and is comprised of seven school resource officers (SRO), three bicycle officers, three sub-station officers and one station officer. There is a SRO in every high school and two assigned to the middle schools. The bicycle officers conduct safety talks and work closely with Patrol proactively combating crime. The sub-station officers manage the Crossroads, Factoria and Downtown Sub-stations. The station officer is assigned to the front counter of the Police Department.

Eastside Narcotic Task Force comprises Detectives from five local police agencies: Bellevue, Mercer Island, King County, Redmond and Kirkland. It



*Corporal Rob Spingler*

is supported by a member of the National Guard, a King County prosecutor, a financial investigator and an administrative assistant. The Bellevue Police provide a Captain and Lieutenant who manage the Task Force and report to the Chiefs of the member agencies.

Forensics has two staff members who conduct fingerprint and evidence collection and processing.

Crime Analysis has one full-time detective and one part-time staff member. This unit collects, analyzes and disperses relevant crime information along with monitoring registered sex offenders in our city.

The Volunteer Program just completed its 12th year recruiting qualified citizens and carefully matching them to appropriate assignments throughout the police department. In 2006, Police Department volunteers contributed nearly 7800 hours of service to the City of Bellevue.



*Forensic Technician Shawn Curtis and Forensic Service Manager Carl Nicoll*



*Detective Bob Thompson and Detective Ellen Inman*



### **Investigations/CSS Key Performance Measures**

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Cases with fingerprint evidence processed by AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System)	352	285
AFIS hits	95	72
Persons crimes cases assigned	522	539
Persons crimes cases cleared	84%	92%
Fraud cases assigned	205	245
Fraud cases cleared	83%	72%
Property cases assigned	352	413
Property cases cleared	45%	36%



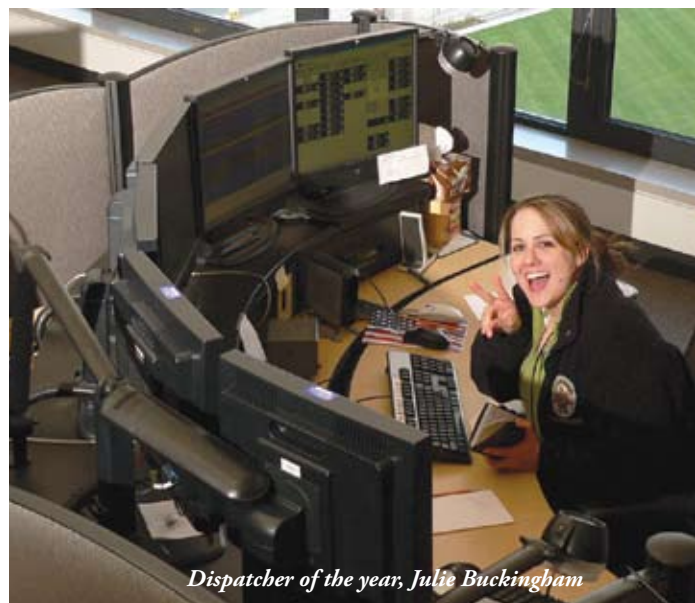
# POLICE/FIRE COMMUNICATIONS



*Communications  
Manager  
Alan Komenski*

**O**UR DISPATCH CENTER IS SUPERVISED by one Communications Manager, one Assistant Manager, six Supervisors and six Leads. With 35 dispatch positions, one geo-file technician and one public safety applications analyst, this Eastside Communications center serves an area of approximately 1400 square miles, two Police agencies, 14 Fire/EMS agencies, and a regional population of over 650,000.

In 2006, Dispatch handled an average of 546 emergency calls per day and an average of 14,411 emergency calls per month. Although the overall number of calls increased by 1,567, it is important to note calls from cellular phones increased by 68%. Cell phone calls are more difficult to dispatch because the caller's address does not come up on the dispatch screen as it would if they were to use their wired phone line.



*Dispatcher of the year, Julie Buckingham*

## Communications Key Performance Measures

	2005	2006
Police Events	64,721	65,418
Fire Events	54,517	60,079
All Incoming calls	224,137	225,704
Cellular calls	53,751	90,382
% of 9-1-1 Calls Answered within 10 Seconds	98%	97%



*Lead Dispatcher George Einsetler*



*Dispatcher Kayla Gallichan*



# STAFF SUPPORT

**T**HE SUPPORT SERVICES SECTION IS COMPRISED of Records, Property/Evidence and Personnel Services. With a staff of 37, this section supports both commissioned and professional staff along with serving the community.

The Records Unit provides assistance to police department personnel 24 hours a day seven days a week, including prisoner monitoring, bail

collection for in-custody defendants, entering and maintaining critical information in the criminal justice computer system, management of police crime reports and tickets, records retention, file management and dissemination. During business hours, the Records staff provides non-emergency police service to citizens at the police lobby and by telephone.



*Major Mike Pentony*

## Records Key Performance Measures

	2005	2006
Warrants Processed		
New	1,631	2,042
Recalled by Court	421	544
Not Served/Expired	411	420
Protection Orders Served(Domestic Violence)	1,244	1,083
Computer-Aided Dispatch Entries	5,935	5,087
Records Checks	5,142	6,721
Firearms License Applications processed	377	546
Pistol Transfer Applications processed	562	632
Data Entered into Records Management System (in 2006)		
Arrests	3,542	3,675
Cases	13,848	12,838
Criminal Citations	2,025	2,135
Field Interview Reports	2,412	4,048
Non-Traffic Infractions	38	33
Parking Tickets	1,694	1,564
Traffic Accidents	2,020	2,142
Traffic Infractions	22,922	18,519
Trespass Notices	652	687



*Booking room*



*Danny Armstrong and Bud Campbell in the evidence room*

# STAFF SUPPORT continued



*Officer Mark Tomlinson and Officer Jeff Liddiard*

The Property/Evidence Unit tracks all property booked into its unit and maintains the chain of custody. The staff provide training to officers on the proper packaging of evidence to ensure compliance with state and federal regulation for the collection storage and disposal of property and evidence. The biggest event of 2006 was moving all the property to the new City Hall and bar-coding each item into the new Property/Evidence electronic database.

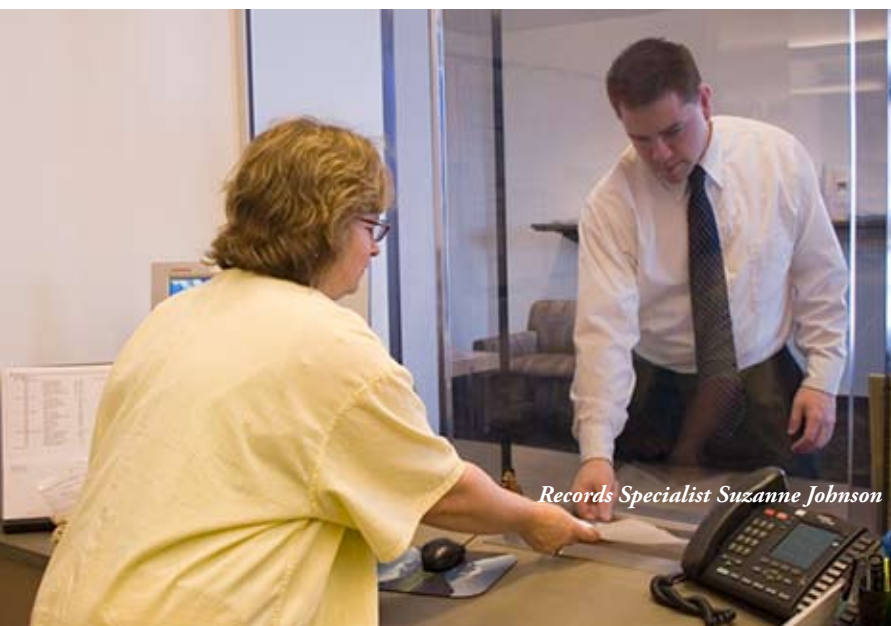
The Personnel Services Unit is responsible for recruiting, testing, and hiring new employees, training and equipping staff. During this past year, there were a total of 6,770 hours of training recorded for officers. This averaged 39 hours per each commissioned officer.



*Officer Dave Asheim (top) and Officer Greg Mills (bottom)*

## Personnel Services Key Performance Measures

	2005	2006
Background Investigations	76	83
Commissioned staff hired	8	10
Professional staff hired	6	7



*Records Specialist Suzanne Johnson*



*Records Specialist Jacquie Hayes*



# RECOGNITION



## Employees recognized in 2006

Officer of the Year	Joe Nault
Dispatcher of the Year	Julie Buckingham-Lofink
Professional Support Staff of the Year	Jean Morgan and Jean Mickschl

## Special awards given out in 2006

### Commander's award:

Marnie Carrithers, Debbie Brennan, Debbie Martin, and Ginger Lowry  
Captain Cherie Baker, Corporal Pat Simonton, Corporal Dave Deffenbaugh, Detective Jeff Gomes, Officer Joe Engman, Officer Yong Lee, and Susan Seibert.  
Kevin Bryson

### Police Medal:

Dave Ethredge and Ben Bradley  
Brandt Mendenhall and Shelby Shearer  
Andy Smith

### Lifesaving award:

Dave Sanabria, Bryan Reil, Dispatcher Dawn Morton

### Meritorious Service Award:

Carl Kleinknecht

### Civilian Law Enforcement Merit Award:

Matthew Lepley

### Medal of Valor:

Shawn Curtis

## Service Commendations (25 years on the job)

Major Michael Pentony	Major William Quinn
Captain William Bryant	Captain Todd Simonton
Corporal Thurman Chinn	Officer Michael Elliott



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